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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the power conferred by the Section 22 of the Sikkim (Livestock and Livestock Product Control) Act, (4 of 1985) the State Govt. hereby makes the following rules namely:-

1. Short title and Commencement (1) These rules may be called Sikkim Hides and Skins of Livestock Rules, 2005.

(2) They shall come into force on and from the date of publication in the Official Gazette

2. Application These rules shall apply to those who deals in hides and skin, butchers, slaughter house, meat shop, collection agent, taxidermist, meat handlers, tanner, leather industry.

3. Definitions : (1) In these rules, unless the subject or content otherwise requires:-

(a) "Authorized agent" means an agent who may be either a person or co-operative society appointed by Government for trading within Sikkim or to export outside the Sikkim.

(b) "Collection agent" means a person appointed by the authorized agent duly recognised by the Government for carrying out hide and skin collection purpose as specified but shall not be authorized to export outside Sikkim.

(c) "Collection point" means a place where hides and skin are stored after salting under hygienic condition.

(d) "Export permit" means a permit issued by the Government for taking the hides and skin outside the State.

(e) "Hides" means skin of animal species of Bovine (Bovine includes, bull, bullock,buffalo calf mithu, yak heifer, cow, bison.

(f) "Leather" means material made from hides and skin of animals.

(g) "Skin" means skin of sheep, goat, rabbit-pelt, undressed skin of animals'.

2. Words and expressions used in thes rules and not defined but defined in Act shall have the same meaning in the rules as assigned to them in the Act

4. Right to alter or relax.

The Government at its own discretion may either relax, alter or add to these rules at any time as may be needed.

General Rules

1. The authorized agent / co-operative society shall purchase the hides and skin from the butchers, slaughterhouse or any individual concerned and other community slaughtering places in rural area at the government approved rate.
2. The butcher shall not sell hides /skin to any individuals other than the Government approved agent
3. The authorized agent or co-opertive society must have the proper account of sale and purchase of all hides and skin which must be audited yearly and produced before the concerned authority.
4. The authorized agent or cop society shall not be allowed to appoint the collection agent at his own will, without obtaining the approval of the department.
5. The collection agent so appointed for a particular area shall be allowed to collect hides and skin only in specific area allotted to them.
6. The authorised agent who fails to deposit the agency fee for three consecutive months shall be liable to termination of contract and forfeiture of security deposit.
7. The authorized collection agent will be issued an official certificate for the purpose of Identification.
8. No person other than the collection agent nominated by the authorized agent and approved by the department shall be allowed to purchase the hides and skin.
9. Any individual or co-operative society willing to be a collection agent, he/she shall submit a proof of residential certificate, certificate of experience of hides and skin trade, other certificate if any and two passport size coloured photograph.
10. The authorized agent/Co-operative society shall maintain a receipt book of purchase of every hides and skin.
11. Export permit will be issued strictly against the request made in writing to the concerned authority.
12. If any meat shop is found selling hides and skin, his/her trade licence will be cancelled and fine of Rs. 10,000/- will be imposed on the offender.
13. If any person is found smuggling huides and skin, he/she will have to pay a fine five times of actual value of the product.

14. If hides/ skin are seized during inspection, it shall be the duty of officials to hand over it to the authorized agent. The offender shall be booked under the law with the help of police personnel.
15. If any one wishes to export the leather after tanning, he/she shall be required to pay a royalty fee specified by the department/concerned authority.
16. In the event of theft taking place at collection room, it shall be the duty of an agent to file a complaint to the nearest police station with the copy of intimation to the deptt.
17. If anyone is found removing and selling the hides and skin of animals that have died with contagious disease, he/she shall be dealt severely and liable for punishment with imprisonment of one year.
18. Authorised agent/cop society so appointed by the government shall be required to pay to the Government agency fee as fixed by the department from time to time.
19. The authorized agent/ co-operative society shall be required to pay a royalty fee as may be prescribed by the government from time to time.
20. The Government shall not intervene between the agent and butchers as far as quality of the hides and skin are concerned.
21. It shall be duty of the Government to inform the general public, butcher slaughter house owner, police checkpost, meat cendors and other concerned about the appointment of the authorized agent.
22. It shall be the duty of the collection agent to store the hides and skin in proper manner prescribed by government authorized agent.
23. The authorized agent shall make his/her own arrangement to store hides and skin collected in different part of state.
24. Department shall not be responsible for not making the payment to the butcher's and other individuals for every piece of hides and skin purchased by the authorized agent/society.
25. No single piece of hides and skin shall be allowed to export outside the state without paying the royalty fee.
26. Any one found selling hides and skin other than the government approved agents shall be dealt under the section 17th of Sikkim (Livestock & Livestock product Control) Act, 1985.
27. If an authorized agent is found exporting the hides and skin outside the State in excess of permit issued he/she shall be liable to pay the royalty fee 5 (five) times more than the amount of approved rates of excess pieces of hides and skin seized thereof.
28. It shall be the duty of authorized agent to indicate to the department collection room constructed/ acquired in the state.
29. It shall be the duty of authorized agent that the collection room constructed or acquired for the purpose, should not cause any public nuisance an should be away from human habitation.
30. If the collection agent is found involved in smuggling hides and skin outside the state, he/she shall be liable to fine and liable to be punished under Act with imprisonment for a term of 1 year.

31. If authorized agent is found in smuggling hides and skin outside the state without obtaining export permit, he/she shall be liable to fine and shall also be liable to be punished under the Act, and his/her contract shall be cancelled.
32. The collection agent shall not be allowed to sublet his agent to any third party.
33. The departmental official will have all the right to take stock account of hide/skin collected at various collection centers.
34. If the authorized agent is provided a room for storing hides at departmental premises, he/she shall be require to pay the monthly rent specified by the department.
35. The estimated revenue deal of hide and skin shall be increased on every tender call period to the maximum to 200 percent.
36. The period for the award of contract is not a constant but subject to reveiw by the Government.
37. The Co-operative Society/agent shall not sublet the contract to any other Society / firms authorized to deal hides/skin.
38. If any person, society is found contravening the rules he/she shall be dealt with according to the provision of the Act.

BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR.

COMMISSIONER-CUM-SECRETARY/AHLF&VS

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